

Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Area (BPPA)

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BPPA Origin

- The Maryland General Assembly created the BPPA designation as a tool to facilitate the coordination of planning of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in areas with a high potential for bicycling and walking.
- Maryland Annotated Code §8-204 (c)(1)(ii)(1.) allows for the creation of BPPA Plans (BPPAPs) under the Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration's guidance.

BPPA Designation Purpose

- To align local agency and Maryland Department of Transportation's bicycle and pedestrian connectivity goals.
- Development of the BPPAP is a collaborative approach to help state and local transportation agencies overcome impediments to bicycle and pedestrian travel within a designated BPPA without the barriers of facility ownership.

Local Agency's Role

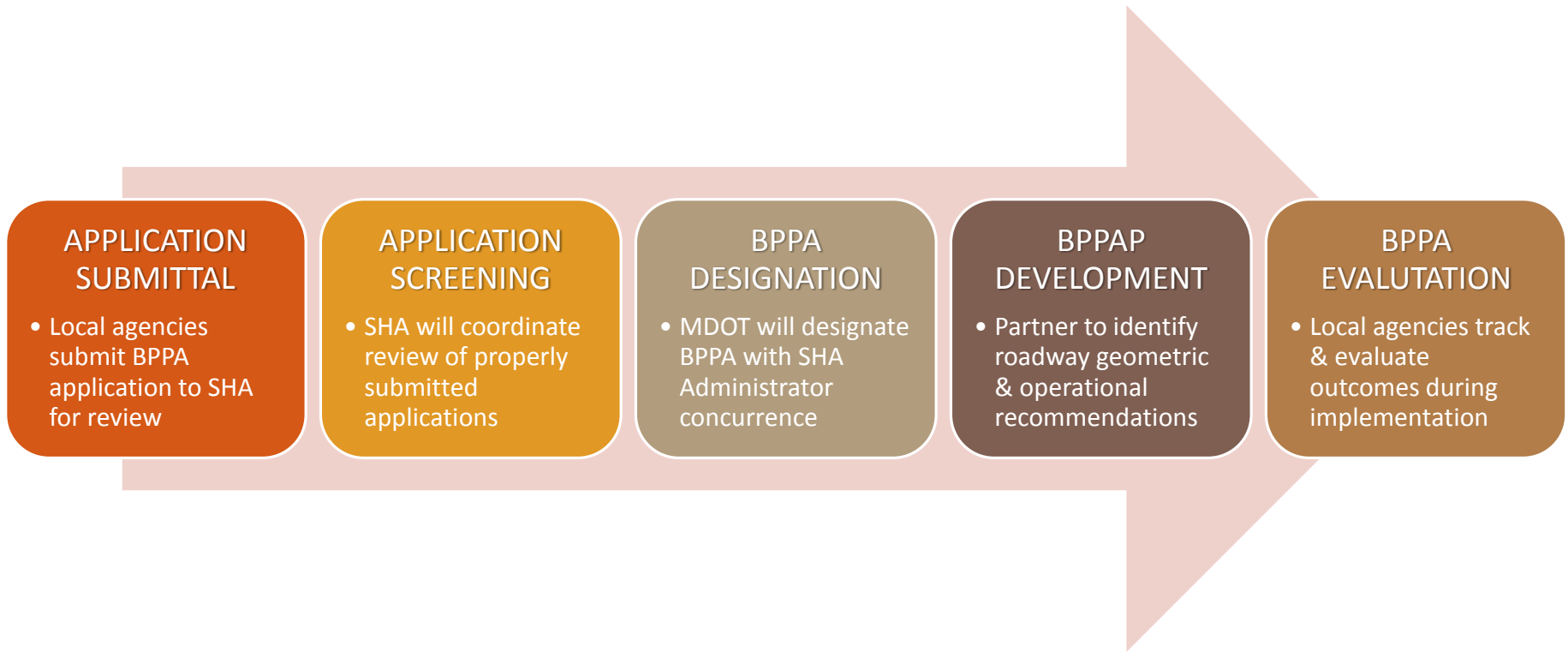
1. Apply for a BPPA designation;
2. Demonstrate local support for bicycle and pedestrian mobility;
3. Participate in state/local workgroups for each designated BPPA;
4. Engage and lead coordination with local community stakeholders and advocacy groups; and,
5. Monitor and evaluate outcomes as recommendations are implemented.

****If no State roads are within a BPPA, the local agency leads BPPAP development.***

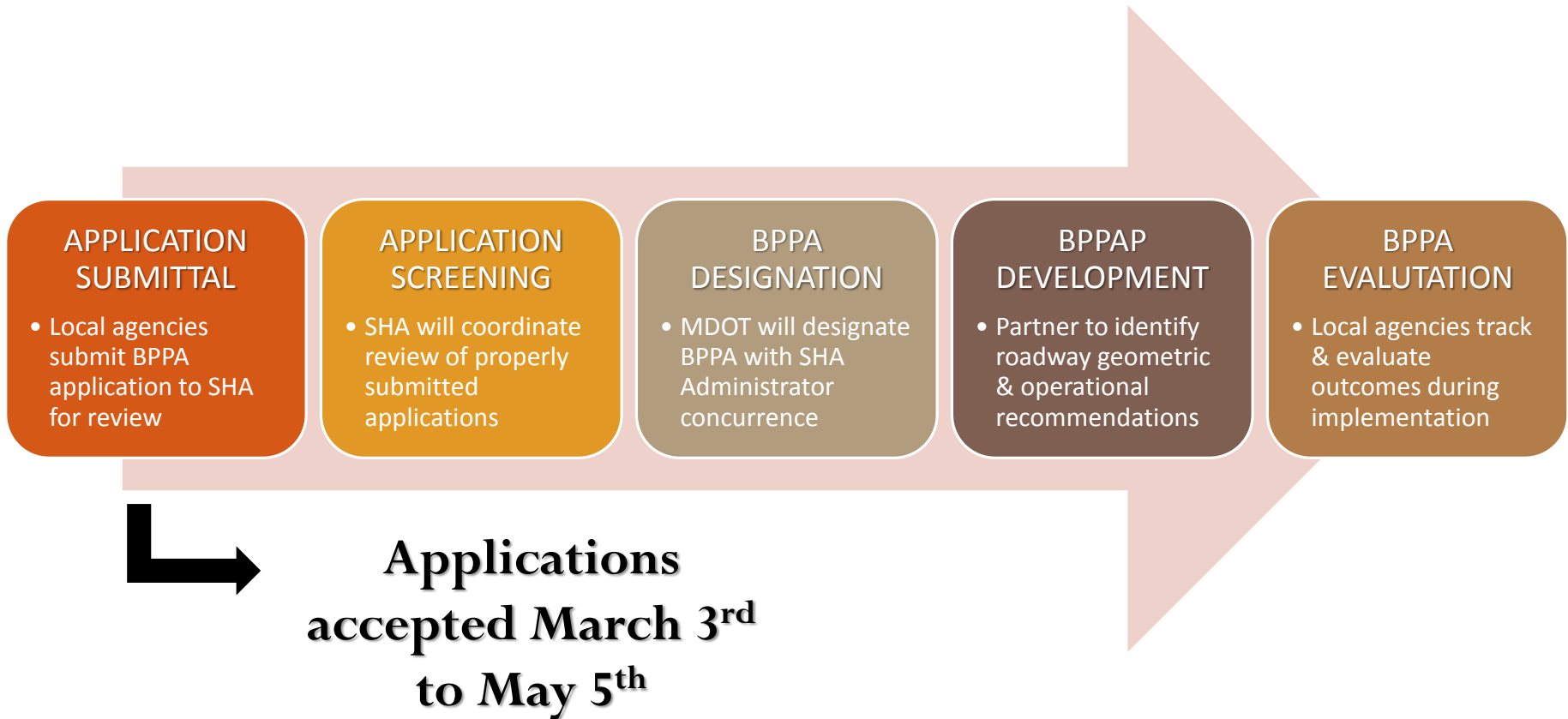
BPPA Designation Overview

WHAT BPPAs DO	WHAT BPPAs DO NOT DO
Facilitate coordination between state, local, and private stakeholders	Provide State funding for capital improvement projects
Align state and local planning goals	Replace existing transportation plans and/or goals
Provide for potential use of innovative bicycle and pedestrian treatments	Supersede existing bicycle and pedestrian design guidelines

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BPPA Online Application

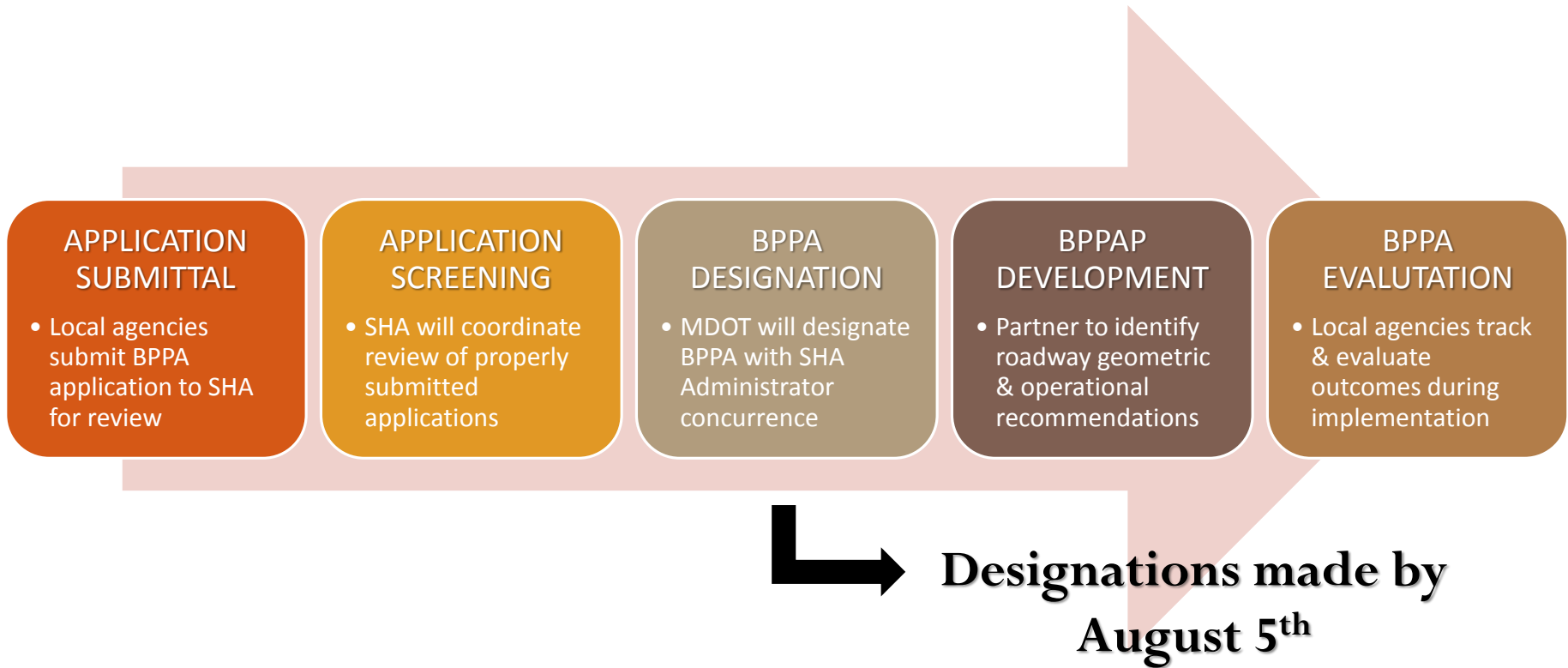
The screenshot shows the homepage of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) State Highway Administration (SHA) Grant Program Application System. The header includes the MDOT and SHA logos, the text "MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION", and a navigation menu with links: HOME, BUSINESS CENTER, PROJECTS & STUDIES, COMMUTER & TRAVEL, SAFETY PROGRAMS, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY, and INFO CENTER. The main content area is titled "Welcome to the MDOT SHA's Grant Program Application System" and "To get started complete the information below." It contains several form fields: "Application Type" with a dropdown menu (options: Bicycle & Pedestrian Priority Area (BPPA), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Safe Routes to School (SRTS), Transportation Alternatives (TA)), "Metropolitan Planning Organization" with a dropdown menu, "Applicant Organization Type" with a dropdown menu (option: -- None --), "Applicant Organization" with a text input field and a link "Organization not found?", "Project Type" with a dropdown menu (option: -- None --), and "Contact Email" with a text input field and a "Confirm Email" field. A "Start Application" button is at the bottom. The footer includes the MDOT logo, a list of links (About SHA, Accessibility, Employment Opportunities, Site Map, Feedback, Help, FAQs, Privacy Policy, Disclaimers, Contact Us), and the address "707 North Calvert Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202".

- Features:
 - Streamlined questions
 - Save and Continue
 - Pick lists
 - Attachment uploads
 - Shareable application link
 - Instant submit

BPPA Application Screening

1. Urban areas, main streets, and/or tourist centers with high potential for bicycling and walking as transportation modes;
2. Focused area (< 0.5 mile radius);
3. Areas with known obstacles to bicycling and walking and/or safety concerns;
4. Areas that emphasize multi-modal transportation; and,
5. Local commitment supporting bicycling and walking and demonstrated consistency with local plans.

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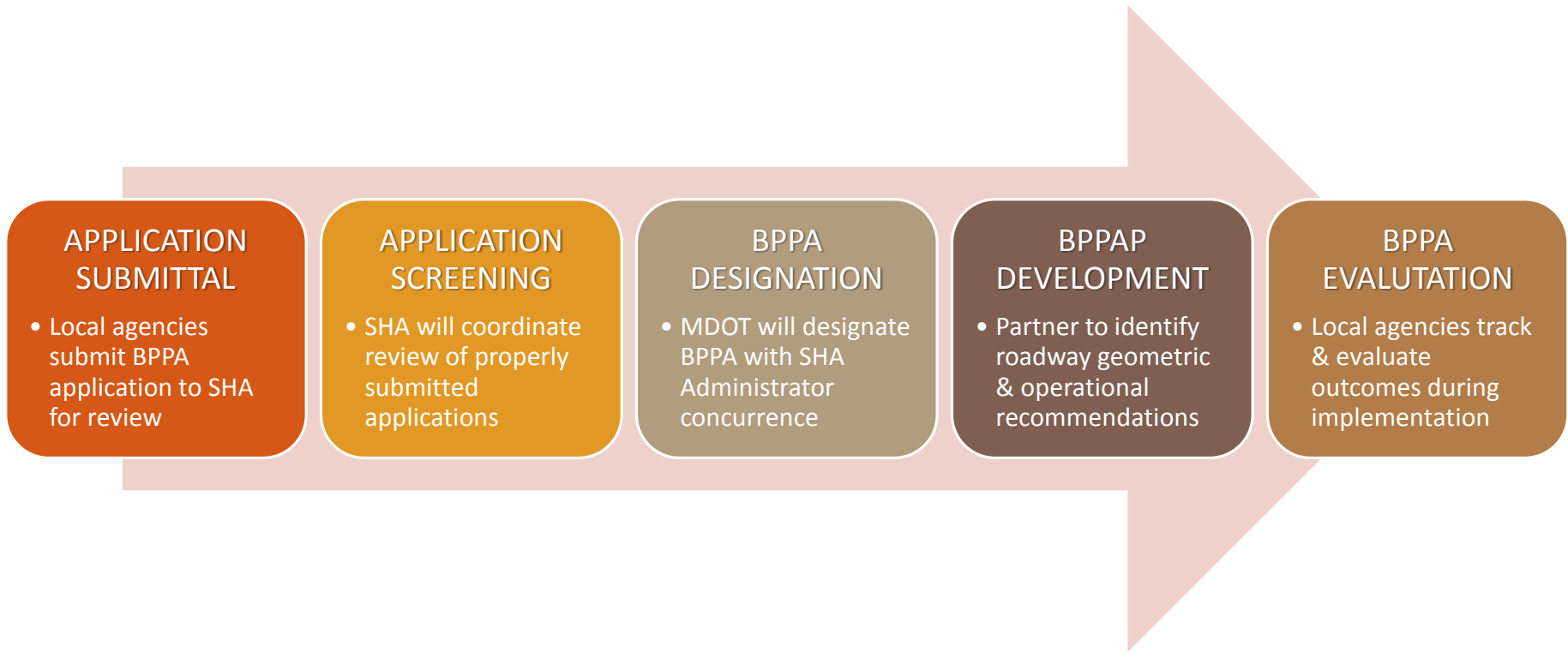
2016 Designated BPPAs

1. The Village of Tilghman (Talbot County)
2. Prince George's Plaza Metro (Prince George's County)
3. Rockville Town Center (City of Rockville)
4. Silver Spring CDB (Montgomery County)
5. Bethesda CDB (Montgomery County)
6. Wheaton CDB (Montgomery County)
7. Takoma Langley Crossroads (Montgomery County)
8. Shady Grove (Montgomery County)

BPPAP Development

- The BPPAP is a tailored plan for implementing bicycle and pedestrian treatments that align state, local, and stakeholder goals to expand on existing or planned bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
- BPPAP development may include but is not limited to:
 - Facilitating state, local, and stakeholder coordination;
 - Establishing a process and working group for planning and prioritizing bicycle and pedestrian improvements;
 - Identifying roadway geometric and operational recommendations to better align state and local bicycle and pedestrian planning; and/or,
 - Estimating construction costs for typical proposed bicycle and pedestrian treatments.

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BPPA Webpage & Resources

Please visit the Bicycle & Pedestrian Priority Area webpage for more information and a link to the online application system:

www.roads.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?PageId=693



Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the BPPA application,
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